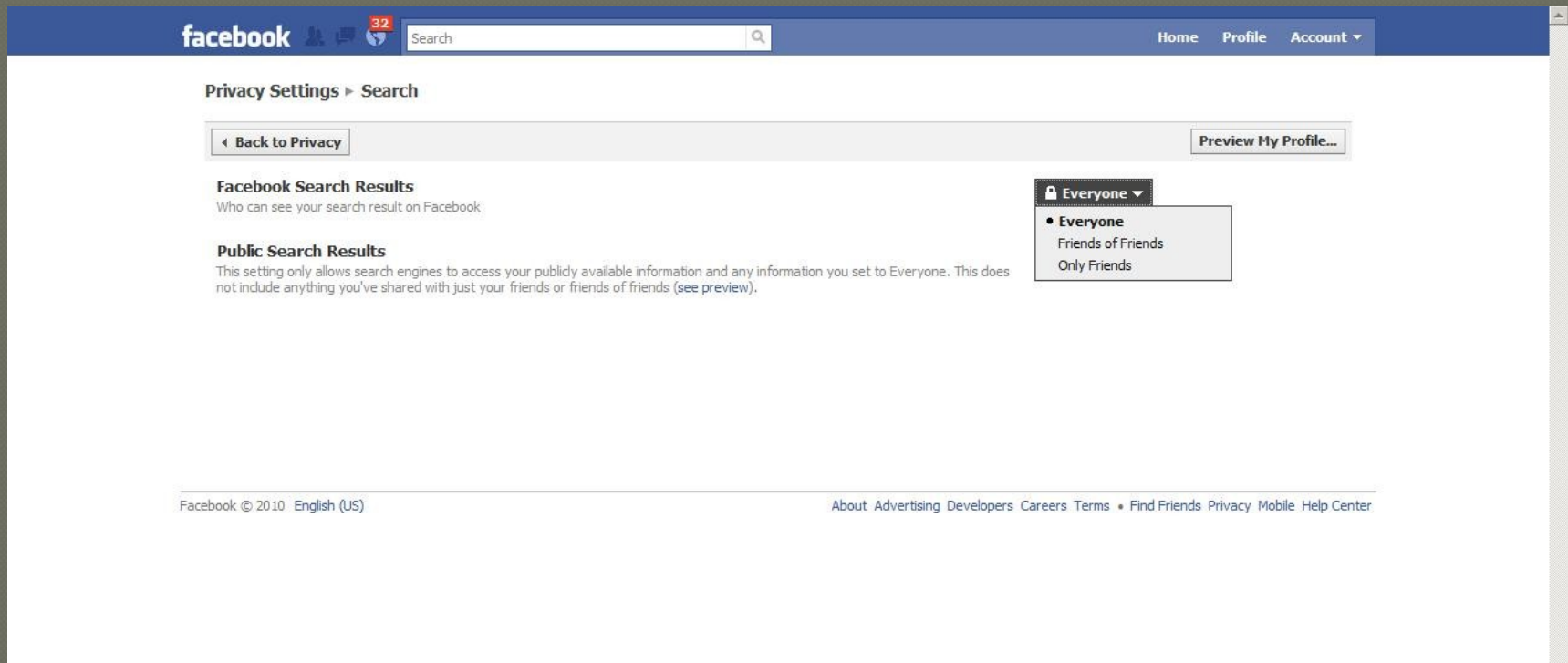


Facebook privacy tips

Your visibility

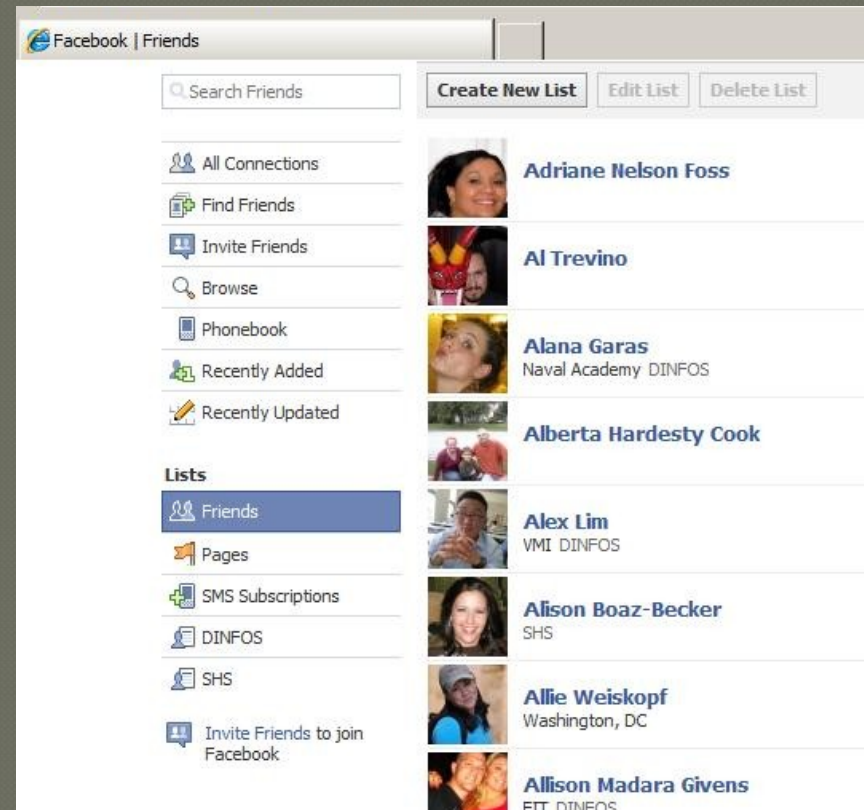


You can customize your privacy settings. The privacy page gives you control over who can view your content. At most only your friends, their friends and the people on your networks can see your profile. If you want to adjust who can find you in searches and what they can see or do with search results, edit the settings for your search privacy.

Friend Lists

Friend Lists allows you to create private groupings of friends based on your personal preferences.

For example, you can create a Friend List for your school friends, your unit, or your family. You can then quickly view friends by type and send messages to

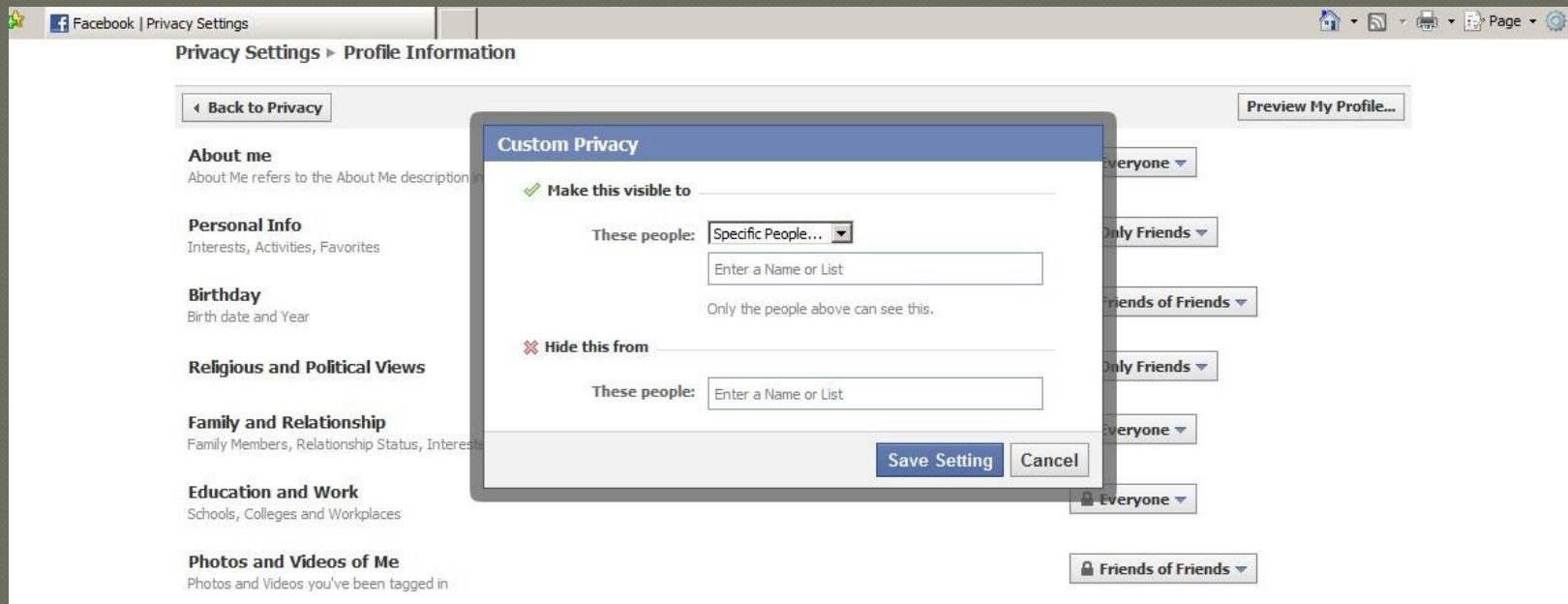


Friend Lists (cont.)

You can apply specific privacy policies to Friend Lists

To block groups of people from specific content, create a Friend List that includes those people you wish to block. You can do this from the Friends page or any privacy setting.

From a privacy setting, click the drop-down next to the setting that controls the content you want to restrict and select "customize." Add three or more people to the "Except These People" section. Click "Okay." Enter a name for your new list.



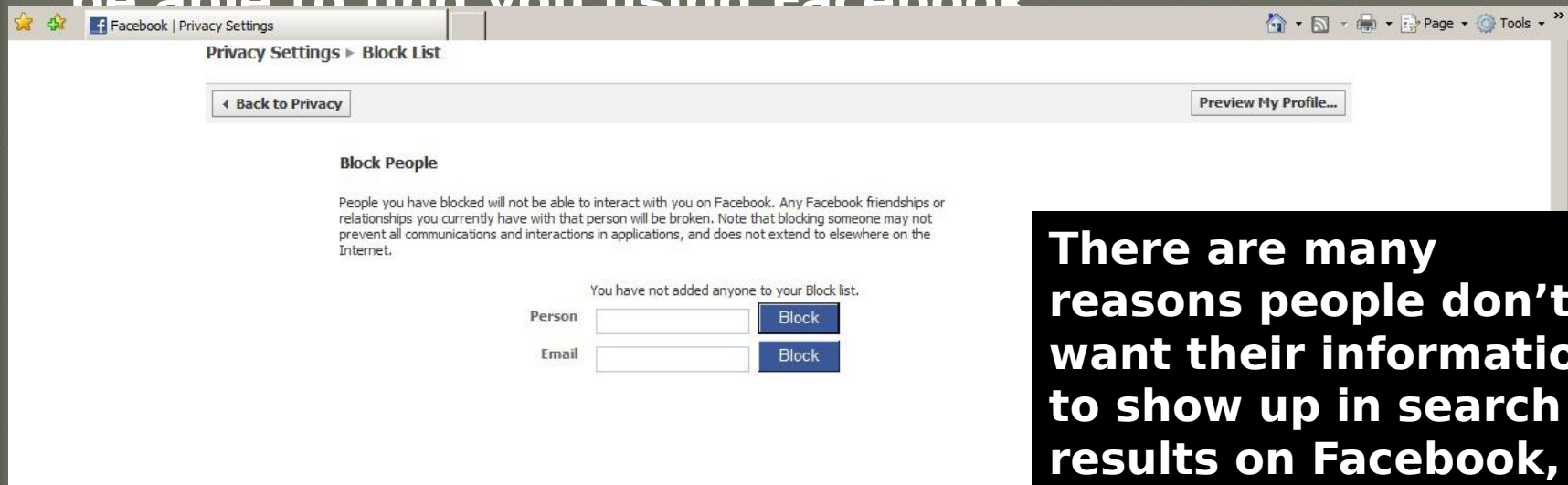
Friend Lists (cont.)

Friend Lists can be useful for organizing groups. A typical setup for groups might be “Friends,” “Family” and “Professional.” Other possibilities are to organize them by the cities where they live, where you met them, or by hobbies - it’s entirely up to you.

You can apply different privacy policies to each group. For example, you may want your friends to see photos from the party you were at last night, but you don’t want your family or professional contacts to see them.

Block and Limit your Profile

You can end all interactions with selected Facebook users. by entering their names in the "Block People" box. When you find them using a search or when they invite you to connect, you can click the "Block Person" link to the right of their name, and they will no longer be able to find you using Facebook



The screenshot shows the Facebook Privacy Settings page, specifically the 'Block List' section. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Facebook | Privacy Settings' and a 'Tools' menu. Below this, the page title is 'Privacy Settings > Block List'. There are two buttons: 'Back to Privacy' on the left and 'Preview My Profile...' on the right. The main heading is 'Block People'. Below it, a paragraph explains that blocked users cannot interact with you on Facebook, and any existing friendships will be broken. It also notes that blocking someone may not prevent all communications and interactions in applications, and does not extend to elsewhere on the Internet. Below the text, there's a message: 'You have not added anyone to your Block list.' Underneath this message, there are two rows of input fields. The first row is labeled 'Person' and the second row is labeled 'Email'. Each row has a text input field followed by a blue 'Block' button.

Facebook | Privacy Settings

Privacy Settings > Block List

Back to Privacy

Preview My Profile...

Block People

People you have blocked will not be able to interact with you on Facebook. Any Facebook friendships or relationships you currently have with that person will be broken. Note that blocking someone may not prevent all communications and interactions in applications, and does not extend to elsewhere on the Internet.

You have not added anyone to your Block list.

Person Block

Email Block

There are many reasons people don't want their information to show up in search results on Facebook, and it's simple to turn off your public visibility

Remove yourself from Facebook search results

Here's how you do it:

Go to your search privacy settings page

Under “Facebook Search Results,” select “Only Friends.” This will remove you from Facebook search results, so make sure you want to be removed totally. Otherwise, you can select another group, such as “Friends of Friends” or “Everyone.”

Click “Save Changes.” By default, Facebook makes your presence visible to the network you are in. Frequently, people aren't aware of their visibility, so this is one of the first settings you may wish to modify.

Facebook and search engines

Facebook gets lots of traffic by displaying user profiles in search engines. Not all of your profile is displayed, though.

Currently the information displayed in the search profile is limited to: your profile picture, a list of your friends, a link to add you as a friend, a link to send you a message, and a list of up to approximately 20 fan pages of which you are a member.

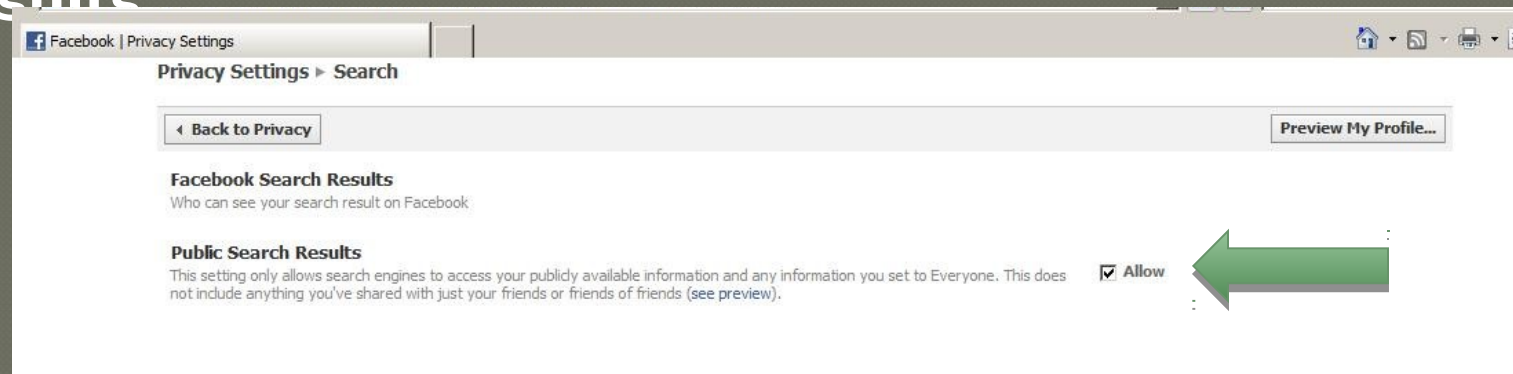
For some people, being displayed in the search engines is a great way to let people get in touch. Facebook also tends to rank high in search results, so if you want to be easy to find, making your search profile can be a great idea. But many people don't want any of their information to be public.

Remove yourself from Google search results

Here's how you do it:

Go to your search privacy settings page. From here you can control the visibility of your public search listing, which is visible to Google and other search engines.

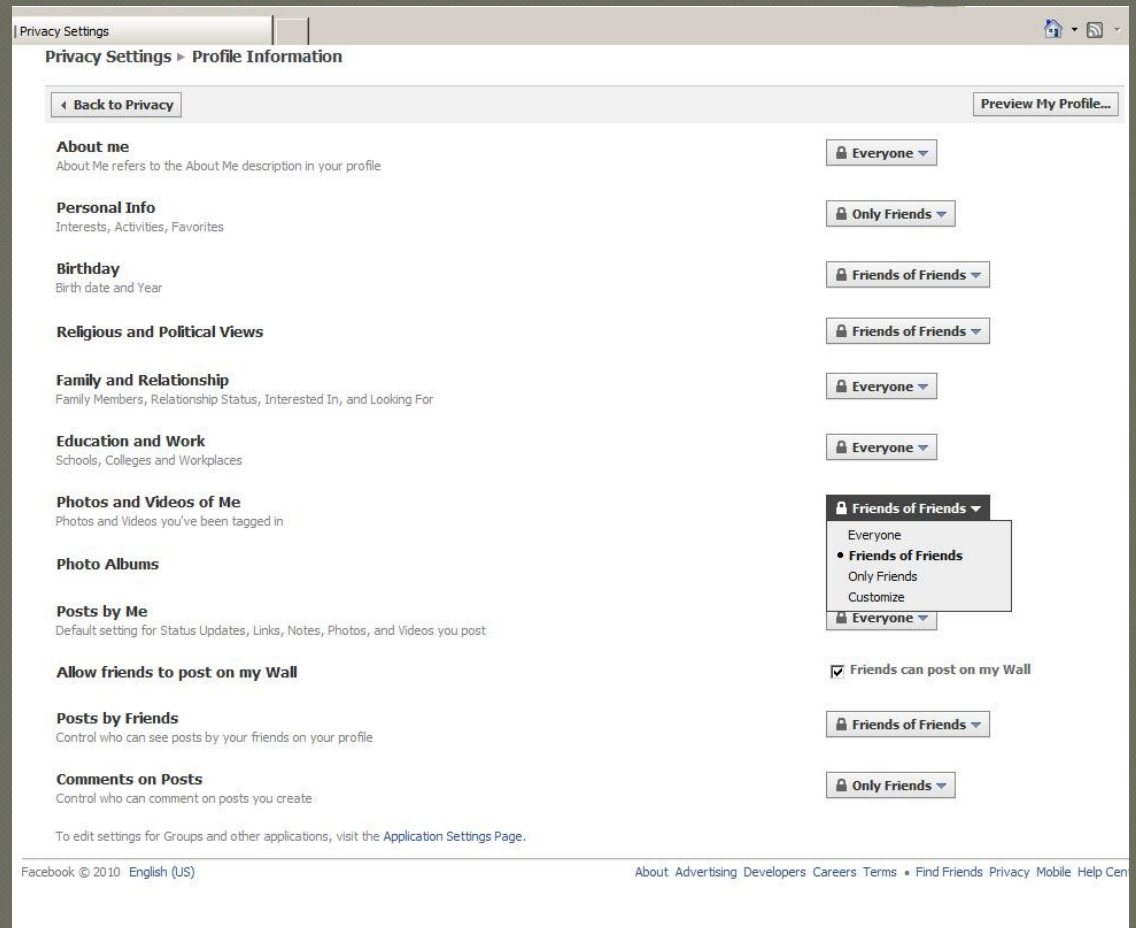
You can turn off your public search listing by simply unchecking the box next to the phrase “Public Search Results ”



Manage who sees you in photos and videos

This is the classic Facebook problem. You let lose for a few hours and photos or videos of the moment are suddenly posted for the world to see -- not just the close friends who shared the moment with you. The result can be devastating. Some have been fired from work after the boss saw their incriminating images. For others, randomly tagged photos/videos have ended relationships. At a minimum, randomly posted images can result in embarrassment.

To remedy that problem, go to your profile privacy page and modify the setting next to “Photos and Videos of Me.” Select who you want to be able to view photos you are tagged in.



Privacy Settings

Privacy Settings > Profile Information

[Back to Privacy](#) [Preview My Profile...](#)

About me
About Me refers to the About Me description in your profile

Personal Info
Interests, Activities, Favorites

Birthday
Birth date and Year

Religious and Political Views

Family and Relationship
Family Members, Relationship Status, Interested In, and Looking For

Education and Work
Schools, Colleges and Workplaces

Photos and Videos of Me
Photos and Videos you've been tagged in

Photo Albums

Posts by Me
Default setting for Status Updates, Links, Notes, Photos, and Videos you post

Allow friends to post on my Wall

Posts by Friends
Control who can see posts by your friends on your profile

Comments on Posts
Control who can comment on posts you create

To edit settings for Groups and other applications, visit the [Application Settings Page](#).

Everyone

Only Friends

Friends of Friends

Friends of Friends

Everyone

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• **Friends of Friends**

Only Friends

Customize

Everyone

☒ Friends can post on my Wall

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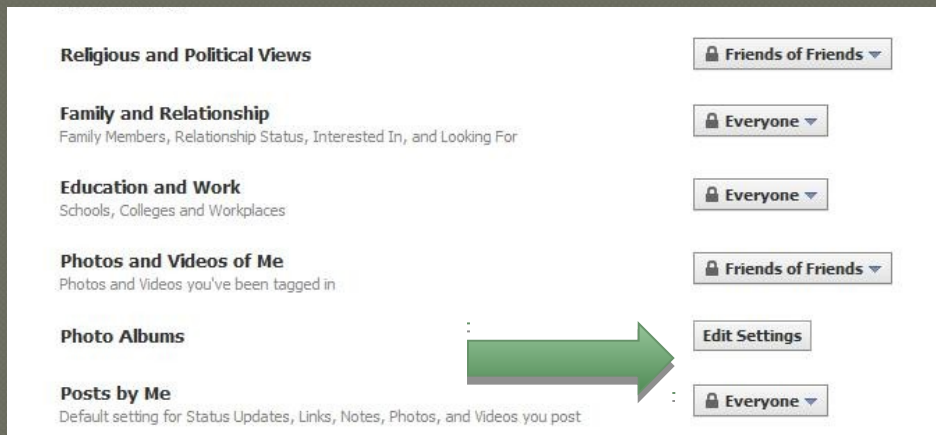
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Manage who sees you in photo albums

Visit your profile privacy page and select “Edit Settings” next to “Photo Album” (shown below). The screen to the right with your photo albums will appear.

Select the option “Only Friends” or “Friends of Friends” if you would like to keep photo albums private.



Religious and Political Views
Friends of Friends

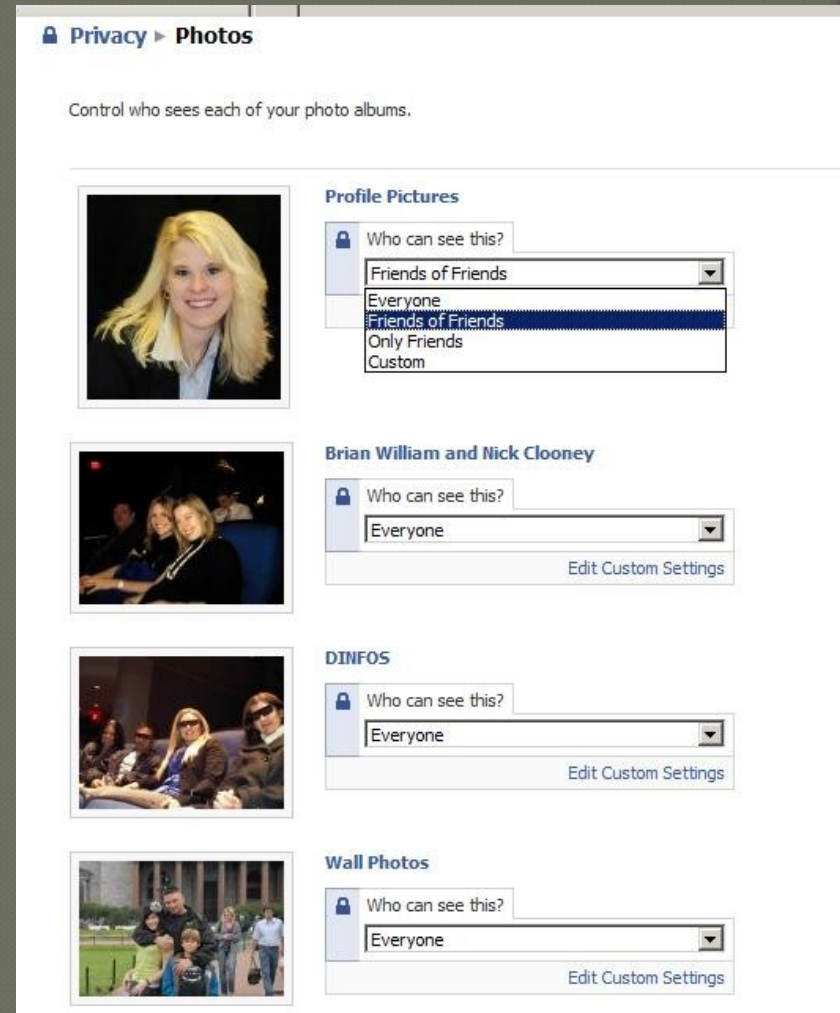
Family and Relationship
Family Members, Relationship Status, Interested In, and Looking For
Everyone

Education and Work
Schools, Colleges and Workplaces
Everyone

Photos and Videos of Me
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Photo Albums
Edit Settings

Posts by Me
Default setting for Status Updates, Links, Notes, Photos, and Videos you post
Everyone



Privacy Photos

Control who sees each of your photo albums.

Profile Pictures
Who can see this?
Friends of Friends
Everyone
Friends of Friends
Only Friends
Custom

Brian William and Nick Clooney
Who can see this?
Everyone
Edit Custom Settings

DINFOS
Who can see this?
Everyone
Edit Custom Settings

Wall Photos
Who can see this?
Everyone
Edit Custom Settings

Manage who sees you in photo albums

You can choose “Only me” or “Some friends” and type in individual friends or friend lists (shown below).

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Photo Album Privacy' dialog box. At the top, there's a blue header with the title. Below it, a section titled 'Who Can See This?' contains a checkbox for 'Everyone on Facebook'. Under the 'Friends' section, there are four radio button options: 'Friends of Friends' (selected), 'Only Friends', 'Some Friends', and 'Only Me'. Each option has a brief description. At the bottom, there's a red section titled 'Except These People' with a search bar and 'Okay' and 'Cancel' buttons.

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Edit Photo Album Privacy

Who Can See This?

☐ Everyone on Facebook

Friends

☒ **Friends of Friends**
My friends and their friends can see this.

☐ **Only Friends**
Only friends can see this.

☐ **Some Friends**
Choose specific friends who can see this.

☐ **Only Me**
Only you can see this.

Except These People

Start typing a friend's name

Okay Cancel

This close-up shows the 'Some Friends' option selected. It includes a search bar with a green plus icon and a user icon on the right. Below it, the 'Only Me' option is visible.

☐ **Only Friends**
Only friends can see this.

☒ **Some Friends**
Choose specific friends who can see this.

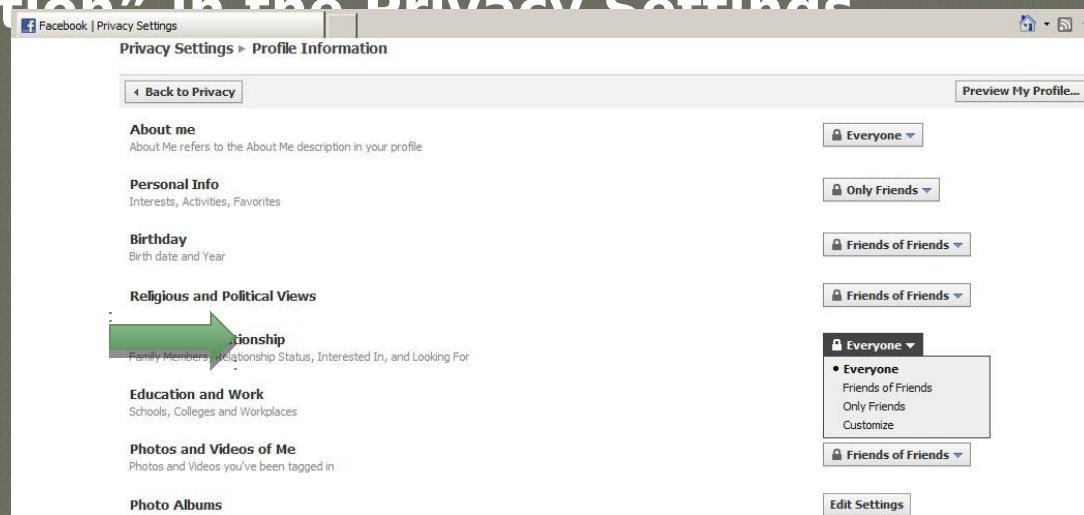
Start typing a friend's name

☐ **Only Me**
Only you and selected networks can see this.

The News Feed

There are a number of ways to control how your relationship status is displayed. You may choose to not display a relationship status, or make a public statement with your relationship.

You can choose who can view your relationship status in the “Family and Relationship” section in the “Profile Information” in the Privacy Settings



The News Feed (cont.)

Second, your relationship status falls within your “Basic Information” section of your profile. You can control who can see your basic information next to the “Basic Information” setting on the Profile Privacy page.

Keep in mind that other relevant profile information such as your gender, birth date, networks, and other settings are visible within your basic information section.

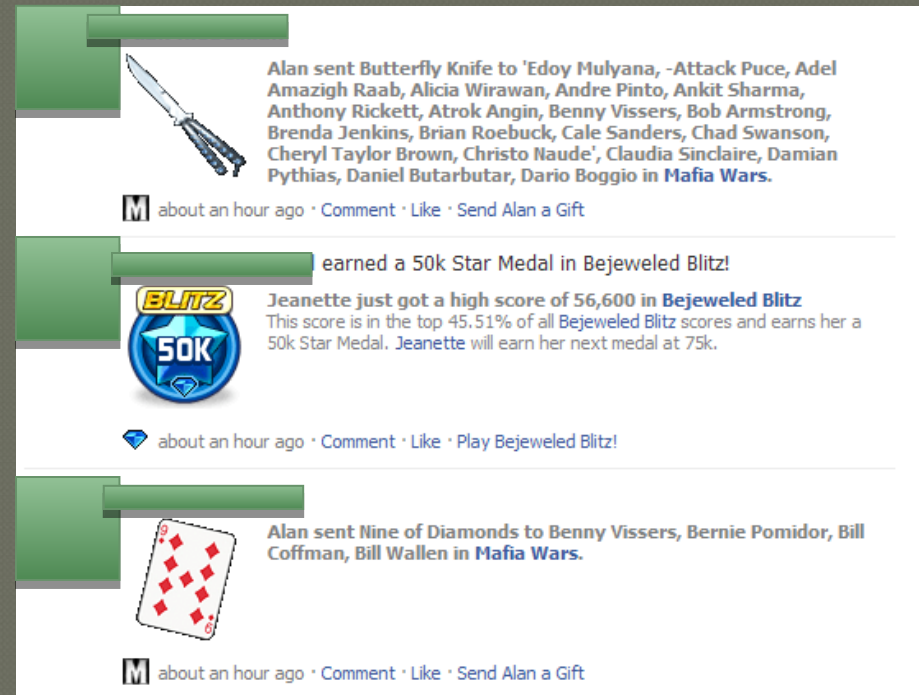
Making your basic information completely invisible to friends may not be a good idea, but removing the news feed stories about relationship changes probably is.

Beware of published application stories

Frequently, when you add an application, a news feed item is immediately published to your profile. More often than not, nothing will be posted, but unfortunately there are many applications that publish stories without you knowing it. Some of these can be potentially embarrassing, so it's a good idea to check your profile once you install an application, to ensure that no awkward notifications have been posted there.

To avoid embarrassment, don't visit applications, or scan your profile every time that you do.

Ultimately you shouldn't be concerned about applications with which you've built a trusted relationship.



The screenshot displays a social media feed with three application stories. Each story features a green progress bar on the left, an icon representing the application, and a text description of the activity. The first story shows a butterfly knife icon and a list of names. The second story shows a 'Bejeweled Blitz' 50K medal icon and a score achievement. The third story shows a nine of diamonds card icon and a list of names. Each story includes a timestamp 'about an hour ago' and interactive links for 'Comment', 'Like', and 'Send Alan a Gift'.

Story 1: Alan sent Butterfly Knife to 'Edoy Mulyana, -Attack Puce, Adel Amazigh Raab, Alicia Wirawan, Andre Pinto, Ankit Sharma, Anthony Rickett, Atrok Angin, Benny Visser, Bob Armstrong, Brenda Jenkins, Brian Roebuck, Cale Sanders, Chad Swanson, Cheryl Taylor Brown, Christo Naude', Claudia Sinclair, Damian Pythias, Daniel Butarbutar, Dario Boggio in **Mafia Wars**.
M about an hour ago · Comment · Like · Send Alan a Gift

Story 2: [Redacted] earned a 50k Star Medal in Bejeweled Blitz!
Jeanette just got a high score of 56,600 in **Bejeweled Blitz**. This score is in the top 45.51% of all Bejeweled Blitz scores and earns her a 50k Star Medal. Jeanette will earn her next medal at 75k.
about an hour ago · Comment · Like · Play Bejeweled Blitz!

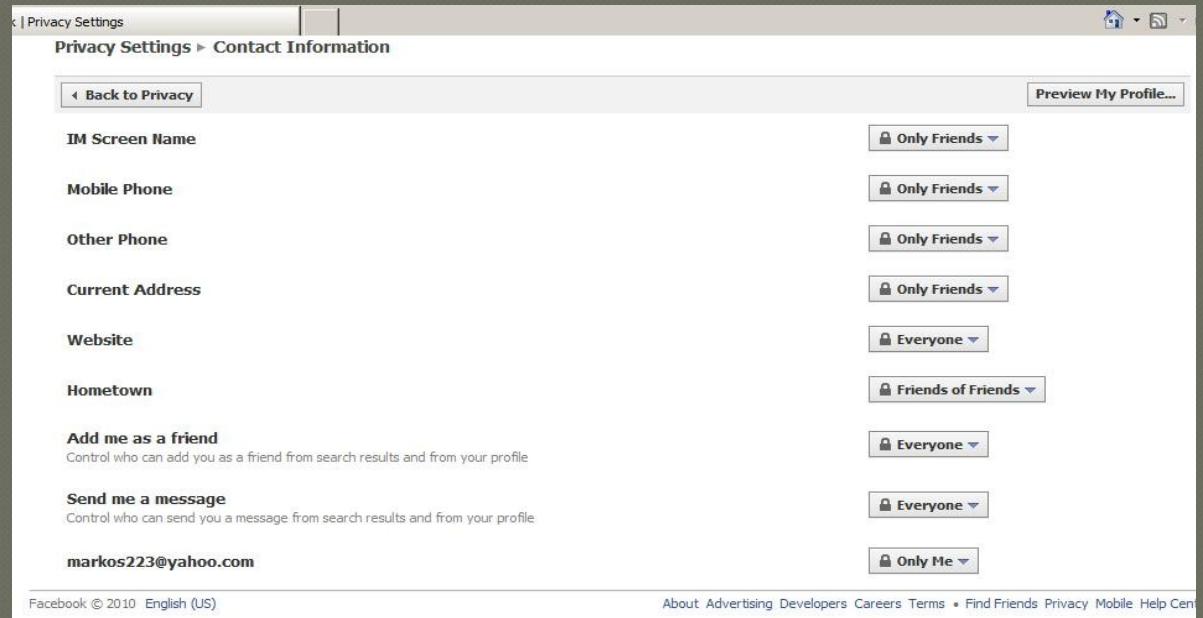
Story 3: Alan sent Nine of Diamonds to Benny Visser, Bernie Pomidor, Bill Coffman, Bill Wallen in **Mafia Wars**.
M about an hour ago · Comment · Like · Send Alan a Gift

Contact information

From the “Contact information” on your profile privacy page, you can determine who can view your:

- IM Screen Name
- Mobile Phone
- Other Phone
- Current Address
- Website
- Hometown

• ~~Email address~~
You can also select who can add you as a friend or send you a message.



The screenshot shows the Facebook Privacy Settings page for 'Contact Information'. The page has a breadcrumb trail 'Privacy Settings > Contact Information'. A 'Back to Privacy' button is on the left, and a 'Preview My Profile...' button is on the right. The settings are listed on the left with corresponding privacy controls on the right:

Setting	Privacy Control
IM Screen Name	Only Friends
Mobile Phone	Only Friends
Other Phone	Only Friends
Current Address	Only Friends
Website	Everyone
Hometown	Friends of Friends
Add me as a friend <small>Control who can add you as a friend from search results and from your profile</small>	Everyone
Send me a message <small>Control who can send you a message from search results and from your profile</small>	Everyone
markos223@yahoo.com	Only Me

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Wall posts




























You can control who can post to your wall, to avoid unwanted, embarrassing or offensive posts.

Click on the “Account” button in the upper right-hand corner of your Facebook page and drop down to “Account Settings.”

In the middle of the page, click the “Notifications” tab.

Choose if and how you would like to be notified for a variety of applications on Facebook.

You can also choose to have notifications sent to your mobile phone.

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Your friendships

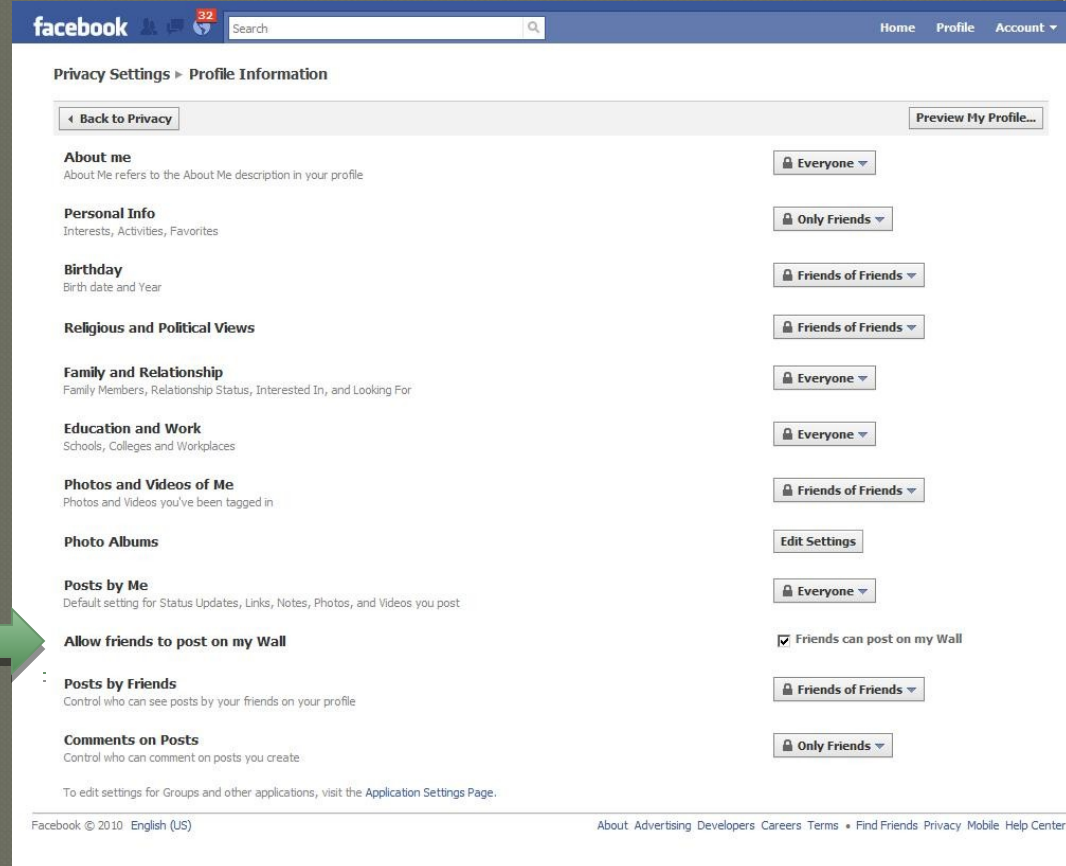
Customize lets you choose and limit specific groups and people .

Click on the “Account” button in the upper right-hand corner of your Facebook page and drop down to “Privacy Settings.”

Click on “Profile.”

Toward the bottom of the page “Allow friends to post on my Wall” allows you to decide if you want your friends to post and who can view what your friends post:

Friends of Friends
Only Friends



The screenshot shows the Facebook 'Privacy Settings' page for 'Profile Information'. The page has a blue header with the Facebook logo, a search bar, and links for 'Home', 'Profile', and 'Account'. Below the header, the page title is 'Privacy Settings > Profile Information'. There are two buttons: 'Back to Privacy' and 'Preview My Profile...'. The settings are organized into sections, each with a privacy dropdown menu on the right:

- About me**: About Me refers to the About Me description in your profile. Privacy: Everyone.
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- Religious and Political Views**: Privacy: Friends of Friends.
- Family and Relationship**: Family Members, Relationship Status, Interested In, and Looking For. Privacy: Everyone.
- Education and Work**: Schools, Colleges and Workplaces. Privacy: Everyone.
- Photos and Videos of Me**: Photos and Videos you've been tagged in. Privacy: Friends of Friends.
- Photo Albums**: Edit Settings.
- Posts by Me**: Default setting for Status Updates, Links, Notes, Photos, and Videos you post. Privacy: Everyone.
- Allow friends to post on my Wall**: ☒ Friends can post on my Wall.
- Posts by Friends**: Control who can see posts by your friends on your profile. Privacy: Friends of Friends.
- Comments on Posts**: Control who can comment on posts you create. Privacy: Only Friends.

At the bottom, there is a link: 'To edit settings for Groups and other applications, visit the Application Settings Page.' The footer contains 'Facebook © 2010 English (US)' and a list of links: 'About Advertising Developers Careers Terms • Find Friends Privacy Mobile Help Center'.

Conclusion

While there are a few other things to keep in mind, are the most important ways to protect your privacy on Facebook.

Keep in mind that while you may have turned off the visibility of many profile sections, there is no way to prevent your friends from sharing your photos or videos.

Be aware of what privacy settings are available and be conscious of what your friends may be publishing about you.

Most of all, make good choices. Follow the “Grandma Rule”: Don't post anything that you wouldn't want your grandmother to see!

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